



**Minutes of the Town Action Group – TAG Team**  
**(Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at the Three Lakes Community Center, Three Lakes, Wisconsin)**

**Attendance:** Members present Sam Christie, Jim Leatzow, Diane Hapka, Mike Miller, Kathy Klein, Ken Klein, Marie Moore, Bruce Renquist, Jerry Schiedt, Don Sidlowski, Tara Stephens

**Guests:** All meetings are open to the public. Town Supervisor Ed Cottingham, Doug Scheffen and Gay Scheffen were present.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Temporary Organizational Chairman Don Sidlowski.

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes of Last Meeting:** Motion: Renquist. Second: Klein. Approved. Agenda attached for reference. Agenda changes included the addition of Parent-Student Forum and Separation of Recreation/Arts/Cultural Resources category.

**Parent-Student Forum:** Chairman Don reported that he had spoken again with Three Lakes School Principal Bill Greb. Two dates had been offered for the forum: November 6 and 8. The group decided that Nov. 8 was the preferred date. Costs for the event had been calculated as \$100 for kitchen staff labor and then \$4 per attendee. When asked for an estimate of attendance, Principal Greb said 100 could be a reasonable number. This would place the price at around \$500. Chairman Don asked for input as to whether a \$500 expense for this event could be justified. Hapka: absolutely yes. It is critically important that we capture this demographic and it is well worth the money spent. Leatzow: the Town needs to step up to the plate and find the money to pay for this. We are planning the future of this citizen segment and their voices need to be heard. Renquist: if the Town will not pay, then TAG should pay it self. Bruce, Don and several others all indicated they would donate personal funds if necessary, but the event had to be conducted. Don stated he would get a letter into Town Chairman Stebebs asap requesting the funds be appropriated. Regarding the topics for the facilitated meeting, once again with Mike Kwaterski and Diane Hapka as co-facilitators, Jerry Schiedt recommended that topics be pre-circulated in advance to the parents and students. Ken Klein suggested that the students themselves be asked to provide input to the topics. Don said this was an excellent idea since it would ensure at least some buy-in from students and help to boost attendance. Don will coordinate this activity with Principal Greb.

**Sub-Committee Category Reassignment:** Chairman Don noted it had been suggested by multiple TAG members that the existing sub-committee category Recreation/Arts/Cultural Resources was too broad, contained two very different areas of activity and focus, and should be separated. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Hapka to create two new categories: Recreation, and Arts & Cultural Resources. Second Leatzow. Approved.

**Terms of Service for Leadership Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs:** Chairman Don asked for input and consensus regarding the term of service for all of the elected positions of TAG. Following lengthy discussion, a term of service of two (2) years for both leadership officers and sub-committee chairs was agreed upon. While some concern was expressed that the entire leadership team could

turn over every two years, confidence was expressed that the replacements for each position would be groomed along the way from the very TAG members serving on the committees. Terms of service for the incoming group of leaders to be elected on October 29 will be made retroactive starting on July 1, 2007 which is within days of when TAG was commissioned by the Town Board. Leaders will serve until June 30, 2009. Elections will take place in June 2009.

**Last Call for Nominations for Leadership Officers and Sub-Committee Chairs:** Chairman Don asked for final nominations from the floor, then read the list of those that had been nominated and accepted nomination. For Chairman: Don Sidlowski. For Vice-Chairman: Mike Kwaterski. For Sub-Committee Whip Liaison: Diane Hapka. For Community Relations Officer: Tom Rulseh.

Don noted that so far no one had come forward for the Secretary-Treasurer job and expressed hope that someone would prior to October 29.

Sub-Committee Chairs. For Technology: Jim Leatzow. For Economic Development: Jerry Schiedt.

Don noted that TAG would start with those sub-committees that had chairs and/or members, and that chair positions would simply be appointed by the leadership officer team as individuals were identified for the jobs.

TAG members that have offered to serve on committees as members: Paul Berg (Economic Development, Recreation, Arts & Cultural Resources, Housing); Sam Christie (Schools, Housing); Diane Hapka (Economic Development); Kathy Klein (Arts & Cultural Resources); Ken Klein (Economic Development, Land Planning, Schools); Jim Leatzow (Arts & Cultural Resources); Terry McCloskey (School); Mike Miller (Land Planning, Housing, Economic Development); Marie Moore (Arts & Cultural Resources); John Olkowski (Economic Development, Housing); Bruce Renquist (Land Planning); Dick Selman (Recreation); Tara Stephens (Schools, Housing).

**Vision Statement:** Final work on input to the vision statement was completed. Chairman Don handed out a compilation of written submissions from TAG members in which all of the key concepts – those mentioned time and again – had been isolated. These were the forward-looking, picture-of-the-future elements that must appear on the final vision statement. They are: quality of life, community, unique, family, technology and culture. Possible additional key-concepts were identified. Finally, contextual themes were spelled out. From all of these final elements, the same team of 4-5 members that devised the original vision draft will take this input and from it formulate the final statement, along with a tag line, and present it at the next meeting. All members agreed on this plan.

**Date and Time for Next Meeting:** The next meeting date is Monday, October 29 at 6:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** There being no other business to come before or be conducted by the group, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.